Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Rainbow Bridge National Monument

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"A Curious Ensemble of Wonderful Features..."

These were the words used by Major John Wesley Powell to describe Glen Canyon during his famous 1869 expedition down the Colorado River. Although Powell is credited as being one of the first men to scientifically explore the Colorado River and surrounding lands, he was certainly not the first to find meaning in this area's unique offerings and challenges.

Humans have been living in the Glen Canyon region for at least 10,000 years. Early peoples were intimately connected with this land and the resources it provided for their very survival. We find evidence of their presence in the artifacts they left behind. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, explorers and pioneers would

find themselves challenged by the ruggedness of the topography – the same cliffs and canyons we admire today.

A new period of human use and occupation of this region was ushered in with the building of the Glen Canyon Dam and creation of Lake Powell by the Bureau of Reclamation. Completed in 1964, the Glen Canyon Dam project provides necessary water and electricity for people throughout the southwest. Lake Powell brings hundreds of thousands of new visitors to this region each year to enjoy this man-made oasis in the desert.

Today, the National Park Service manages Glen Canyon National Recreation Area so as to preserve the natural and cultural resources of the park while still allowing for a diversity of land and water based recreational experiences. Whether by boat, vehicle, or foot, you will find ample opportunity for exploration and discovery.

However you choose to enjoy Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, please do so in a manner that will leave this place just as beautiful for the next person. With your continued help, this curious ensemble of wonderful features – the rocks, water, plants, animals, and history – will remain protected long into the future. Have a safe and enjoyable visit.

Live to Play Another Day

Don't take safety for granted. Sadly, an average of 6 people die every year in Glen Canyon. Keep your vacation afloat; avoid becoming a statistic by following simple safety tips:





Beat the Heat: The extreme temperatures, elevation changes and exposure to the sun can leave many visitors looking for ways to beat the heat. Wear sunscreen, light-colored clothing, and a hat for sun protection.



Drink up: Poor judgment, nausea, dizziness, headaches and even death can result from dehydration. Make sure you drink plenty of water and replace electrolytes in this dry desert environment. Limit alcohol and caffeine which can lead to further dehydration in the heat.



When thunder roars, go indoors: During a thunderstorm, you are not safe anywhere outside. Seek shelter in a safe building or vehicle.



Don't swim in marinas: Electrical faults from vessels can electrocute swimmers; boat traffic and propeller strikes can maim or kill.



Wear it: Lifejackets can save even the most experienced swimmers. Make sure everyone wears one.

A Place Worth Preserving

Glen Canyon inspires millions of visitors each year, and we must all do our part to keep these waters and lands clean for future generations. Not only are these acts unsightly but they are also *illegal*.

Trash



If you pack it in, pack it out-- all garbage should be removed and the area should be left cleaner than you found it.

Graffiti



Carving your name in the rocks not only ruins the experience of the next person to visit a site, but can also be very difficult to remove. If you want a permanent record of your activities in the park, we recommend photography or social media.

Human Waste



Human waste should always be packed out with a proper sanitation device to avoid transmitting bacteria and disease into nearby water sources.

Fireworks



Fireworks trash the landscape with tiny pieces of paper and debris and have the potential to start a wildfire in dry brush. Noise and light from fireworks is intrusive on neighboring camps.

Welcome to Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument



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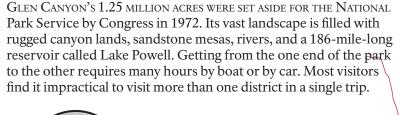
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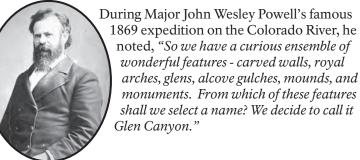
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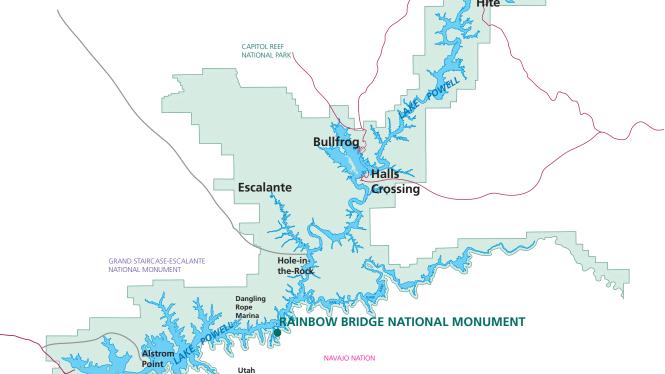


We are a cooperating association that supports and funds education, research, interpretation, and visitor services within the public lands on the Colorado GLEN CANYON Plateau. We promote the ASSOCIATION preservation of and inspire stewardship of cultural and natural resources. Visit us at www.glencanyonnha.org

General Information







Wahweap Antelope Page Lees Ferry Paved Road Unpaved Road

Your Fee Dollars Make a Difference

Entrance fees are required at all areas of Glen Canyon Recreation Area. Your dollars support programs and services for your enjoyment and safety.

То	Travel Time	Miles
Lees Ferry	2 hours with detour	90 by road
Wahweap	10 minutes 5 by road	
Antelope Point	17 minutes	13 by road
Rainbow Bridge	3 hours by boat	50 by water
Bullfrog	5 hours by car 5 hours by boat	286 by road 100 by water
Halls Crossing	4 hours	230 by road
Escalante	3.5 hours	194 by road
Hite	4 hours	226 by road

Travel time from Page (one-way)

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Quagga Mussels Are Present In Lake Powell

It is your responsibility to help prevent the spread. You may be contacted by a mussel ranger.

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY,

Everything... Every Time!



Weather and Climate

January	February	March	April	May	June
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Averages: 42°F/6°C 24°F/-4°C Precip: .47in/1.2cm	Averages: 51°F/11°C 30°F/-1°C Precip: .43in/1.1cm	Averages: 58°F/14°C 36°F/2°C Precip: .73in/1.9cm	Averages: 68°F/20°C 43°F/6°C Precip: .34in/.9cm	Averages: 80°F/27°C 53°F/12°C Precip: .43in/1.1cm	Averages: 91°F/33°C 62°F/17°C Precip: .20in/.5cm
July	August	September	October	November	December
Averages: 97°F/36°C 69°F/21°C Precip: .47in/1.2cm	Averages: 94°F/34°C 67°F/19°C Precip: .67in/1.7cm	Averages: 85°F/29°C 58°F/14°C Precip: .54in/1.4cm	Averages: 71°F/22°C 47°F/8°C Precip: .78in/2.0cm	Averages: 55°F/13°C 35°F/2°C Precip: .59in/1.5cm	Averages: 46°F/8°C 27°F/-3°C Precip: .51in/1.3cm

Lees Ferry

Activities

One Hour

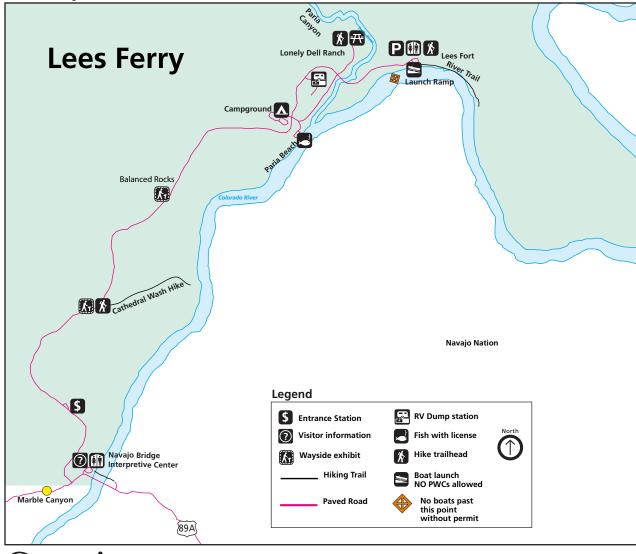
- Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center: View the double Navajo Bridges and Marble Canyon, walk across the historic bridge, shop the bookstore, observe California condors during spring and fall.
- Hike to Lonely Dell Ranch or River Trail and Lees Fort, see below for more information.

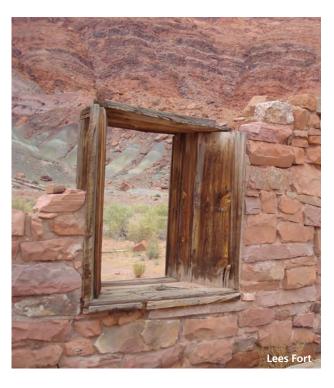
Three Hours

• Hike Cathedral Wash, see below for more information.

Half Day to All Day

- Go Fishing: Fish from the shoreline or go up-river with a boat. An AZ fishing license is required.
- Hike Spencer Trail. See below for more information.







The orchards at Lonely Dell Ranch bear apricots, peaches, plums, apples, and pears seasonally. Visitors are welcome to pick fruit, but to ensure others can also enjoy the harvest, please take only five gallons per person per day of ripe fruit. Please take care to not harm trees while harvesting. For your safety, we ask that equipment such as wheelbarrows, ladders, and tools not be used in the orchards.

Camping

Lees Ferry Campground

54 developed sites, no hook-ups, RV dump, first-come first-serve.

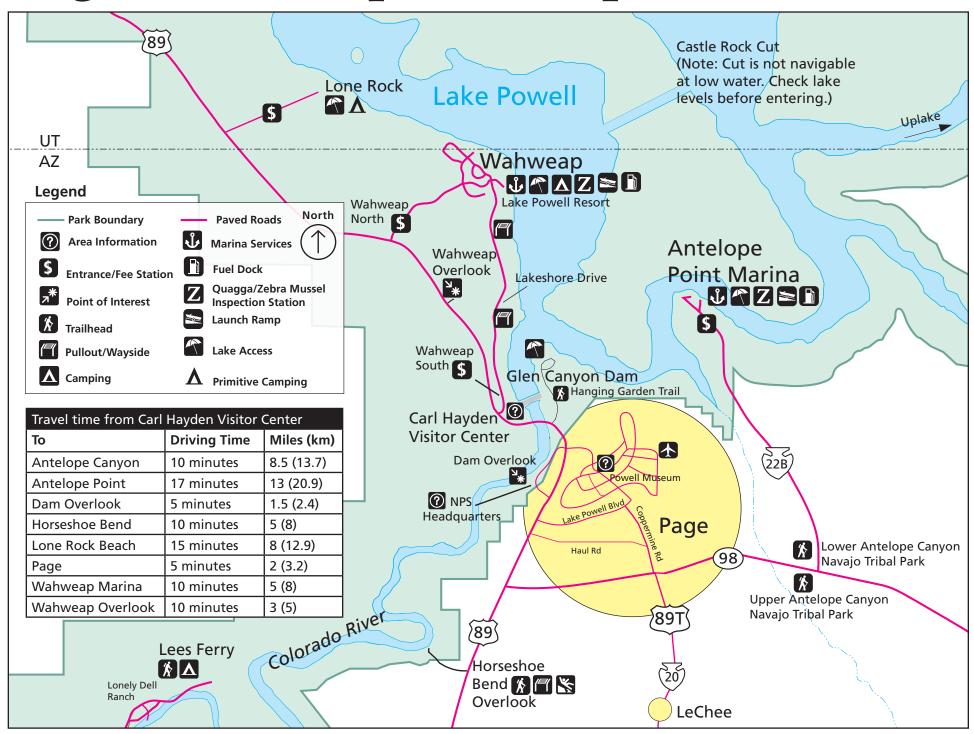
Up-River Primitive Camping

Camping is permitted only in six designated sites on a first-come first-serve basis. Sites are marked with signs and have composting toilets and fire pits. Fires are permitted only in fire pit or portable fire pans. No wood gathering. Federal law prohibits the disturbance, defacement, or removal of historic or archaeological sites.

Hiking NOTE: Trails are not maintained.

Hike	Distance (round trip)	Average Time	Terrain	About the trail
Easy				
Lonely Dell	1 mile (1.6km)	1 hour	Grassy and flat	Park at the Lonely Dell parking area. Take an easy walk through the gate down the road to the orchard, ranch and the pioneer cemetery beyond. Bring drinking water, no potable water at the ranch.
River Trail Lees Fort	2 miles (3.2km)	1-2 hours	Sandy and rocky uneven surface	Park at the launch ramp parking area. Walk through the historic district upstream along the Colorado River to the site of the original cabled ferry crossing.
Moderate				
Cathedral Wash	3 miles (4.8km)	3 hours	Rocky wash, some rock scrambling required	Drive down the Lees Ferry Road from Highway 89A for 1.4 miles and park in the designated pullout. Follow the road to enter the wash then go through the culvert heading downstream. Bring drinking water. Do not hike when there is a threat of flash-flooding.
Difficult				
Spencer Trail	4.4 miles (7 km)	Half Day	Rocky trail	Climb 1505 feet (457.8m) up a rocky trail of switchbacks. Routefinding may be necessary. Not recommended during summer months. Watch your step and bring plenty of water.

Page • Wahweap • Antelope Point



Activities







One Hour

- Carl Hayden Visitor Center (hours vary): Exhibits, movies, ranger programs (summer only), bookstore.
- Glen Canyon Dam Tour: 45 minutes, \$5.00 per person. Call for times: 928-608-6072.
- Go to Dam Overlook see Hikes page 5 for more information.
- Drive to Wahweap Overlook or Lakeshore Drive.
- Antelope Canyon Boat Tour: 1 hour. For reservations call Antelope Point Marina: 928-608-4477.

Two Hours

- Hike to the Hanging Garden (Guided walk offered in the summer. Check Carl Hayden Visitor Center for schedule) or Horseshoe Bend, see Hikes page 5.
- Antelope Canyon Boat Tour: 1 ½ hours. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort Lodge at the Wahweap Marina. For reservations call: 928-645-2433.

Three Hours

• Canyon Adventure Boat Tour: 3 hours. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort Lodge at the Wahweap Marina. For reservations call: 928-645-2433.

Half to All Day

- Hike Wiregrass Canyon, see Hikes page 5 for more information.
- Visit Rainbow Bridge National Monument, see back page for more information.
- Rent a Boat or Kayak and Explore Lake Powell: For reservations call Antelope Point Marina: 928-645-5900, or Lake Powell Resort Boat Rentals: 928-645-1078.
- Smooth Water Raft Trip below the dam: For reservations call Colorado River Discovery: 888-522-6644.

Camping/Lodging

RV Park Reservations: www.lakepowell.com, 1-800-528-6154

Fire grills, tables, restrooms, showers, laundry, store, dump station, potable water. Pets are allowed on leash. The beach, picnic area and amphitheater are nearby. Can accommodate RVs up to 70 feet long.

Wahweap 139 full hook-up sites

6 group sites with shade shelters, no hook-ups

Campground First-come first-serve, maximum two vehicles per site.

112 tent sites - some sites are large enough for an RV up to 40 feet Wahweap 9 walk-in tent sites - must carry equipment from parking area

Primitive Camping First-come first-serve, maximum two vehicles per site.

Outdoor showers, microflush, vault toilets, and RV dump (not available year round). See portable toilet requirements on page 2.

Lone Rock Beach Drive to the lake and camp on the beach. Be aware of soft sandy areas. It is easy to get

a vehicle stuck in the sand. There is a designated off-road vehicle (ORV) play area.

Lodging Reservations: www.lakepowell.com, 1-800-528-6154

Wahweap Lake Powell Resort Lodge. Rooms of various sizes, restaurant, gift shop.

Multiple hotels in Page, AZ Nearby

Know Before You Go

Horseshoe Bend Overlook Distance: Round-trip Average Time: 1.5 miles (2.4km) 1 hr to half day

About the Trail: Rocky and Sandy

- Bring water with you and drink it
- Avoid hiking in the heat
- There are no restrooms on the trail
- The terrain is rough.
- Know the weather forecast
- There are no railings at the viewpoint





View from Alstrom Point

Ranger Programs

Guided Hanging Garden Hike				
Distance: Round-trip	Average Time:			
1 mile (1.6km) 1 - 2 hours				
Meet the Ranger at the trailhead. Daily hike time				

will be posted at road entrance. Join a Park Ranger for a hike to a desert oasis.

Bring water, sturdy shoes, and sun protection. The only shade is at the Hanging Garden itself. There are no restrooms or trash cans on this trail. Hikes are weather permitting.

Junior Ranger Program

Carl Hayden Visitor Center

Daily Memorial Day -Labor Day. Check daily for times.

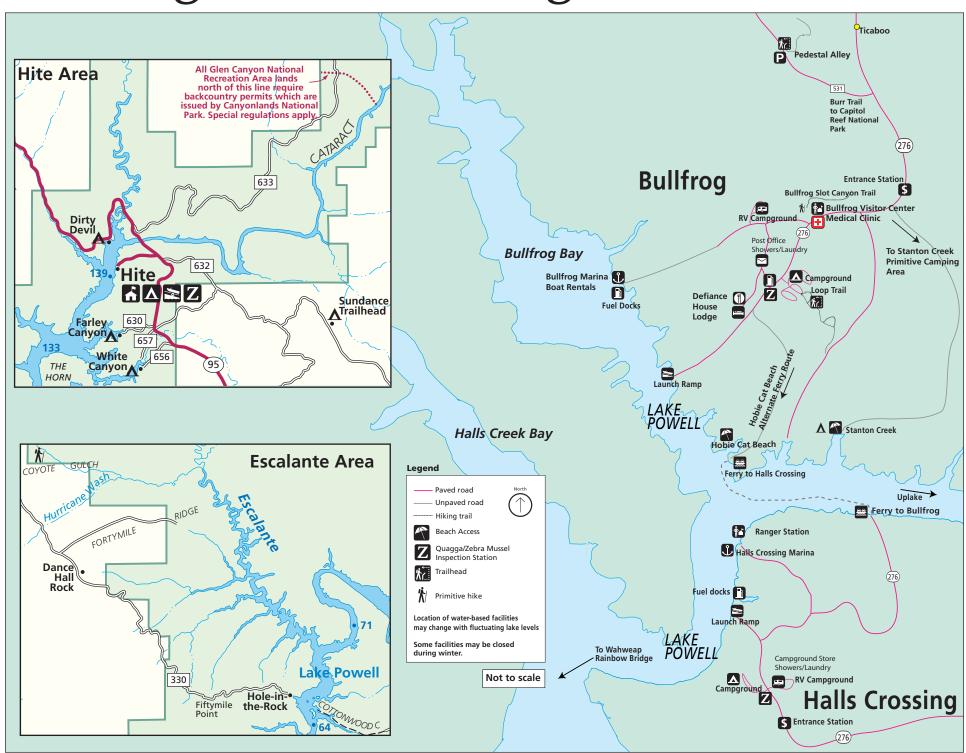
Enjoy a fun program with a Park Ranger and earn a point toward your Junior Ranger Badge. Complete the required number of activities in your Junior Ranger Activity Book to earn your very own badge and certificate.

Explore • Learn • Protect

Hiking NOTE: Trails are not maintained.

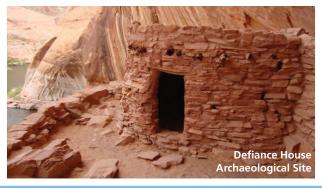
Hike	Distance (round-trip)	Average Time	Terrain	About the trail
Easy				
Dam Overlook	940 ft (286m)	30 minutes to 1 hour	Walk down stairs and over sandstone	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center drive south 1.5 miles (2.4km) on Hwy 89, turn right on Scenic View Road. Turn right on first road to parking area. Descend a flight of stone steps to the canyon rim for a wide angle view of the Glen Canyon Dam and the Colorado River.
Hanging Garden	1 mile (1.6km)	1 hour minimum	Rocky and sandy	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center, turn south on Hwy 89 and proceed across Glen Canyon Bridge. Turn left one half mile (0.8km) east on Hwy 89. Trailhead is 500 yards down dirt road. Hike over sand and slick rock to a cool alcove seep spring. Open: sunrise to sunset. Bring drinking water.
Moderate				
Horseshoe Bend	1.5 miles (2.4km)	1 hour minimum	Sandy hill, rocky, uneven ground. Caution: dangerous drop-off, no railings	From Carl Hayden Visitor Center turn south on Hwy 89. Approximately 5 miles (8km) on U.S. Hwy 89, just south of highway marker 545, turn right into the parking area. Glen Canyon Follow the trail to cliff edge for a remarkable view of the Colorado River. Bring drinking water. Hike during cooler times of day. Wear appropriate shoes for hiking.
Difficult				
Wiregrass Canyon	6 miles (9.7km)	Half day	Sandy wash, some rock scrambling required	Follow directions for Alstrom Point drive (see above) for about 4.7 miles (7.6 km) down NPS road 230. There will be a sign marking the trailhead. Proceed into the canyon, then hike as far as you can go, turn around, and come back. View excellent examples of erosional processes including a slot canyon, hoodoos, and two natural bridges. Bring drinking water and snacks. Hike during the cooler hours of the morning. Do not enter narrow canyons when thunderstorms are forecast.

Bullfrog+Halls Crossing+Hite+Escalante



Activities







One Hour

- Bullfrog Visitor Center (hours may vary): Exhibits, movie, bookstore.
- Defiance House Lodge: Exhibits.
- Hike Bullfrog Campground Trail or Bullfrog Slot Canyon Trail, see Hikes page 7 for more information.
- Halls Crossing Contact Station (hours may vary): Exhibits, information.

Two Hours

• Take the Charles Hall Ferry between Halls Crossing and Bullfrog: Vehicle passes start at \$25 based on length. Call 435-684-3088 for schedule.

Three Hours

• Hike Pedestal Alley from the Burr Trail, see Hikes page 7 for more information.

Half to All Day

- Defiance House Archaeological Site: Boat from Bullfrog or Halls Crossing up-lake to Forgotten Canyon. Visit with respect. Leave only footprints, take away only your memories of visiting this remarkable cultural site.
- Rent a Boat or Kayak and Explore Lake Powell: for reservations call Bullfrog Marina 435-684-7000, or Halls Crossing Marina 435-684-3000.
- Burr Trail or Hole-in-the-Rock Drive: See Drives page 7 for details. Check road conditions before you go.

Camping/Lodging

RV Park Reservations: www.lakepowell.com, 1-800-528-6154

Fire grills, tables, restrooms. Pets are allowed on leash. RV dump stations, potable water, showers at Bullfrog

and Halls Crossing

Bullfrog 24 full hook-up sites, RV maximum 50 feet Halls Crossing 32 full hook-up sites, RV maximum 60 feet

Hite 9 full hook-up sites

Campground First-come first-serve, maximum two vehicles per site.

Fire grills, tables, restrooms. Pets are allowed on leash. RV dump stations, potable water, showers at Bullfrog

and Halls Crossing

Bullfrog 75 tent sites (Loop C closed until further notice)

Halls Crossing 45 tent sites

Hite Limited number of sites

Primitive Camping No designated sites/first come first serve.

Access to lake shore is limited or not possible due to low water. Roads may be impassable. See page 2 for portable toilet requirements.

Bullfrog - Stanton Creek: Microflush toilets, no water

Hite - Shoreline, Dirty Devil, Farley Canyon: Vault toilets (Farley Canyon toilets open seasonally)

Hite - White Canyon, Blue Notch: No facilities

Lodging Reservations: www.lakepowell.com, 1-800-528-6154

Bullfrog Defiance House Lodge: Rooms, seasonal restaurant & gift shop; Family units.

Halls Crossing Family units: Trailers available to rent seasonally
Hite Family units: Trailers available to rent seasonally

Driving

Burr Trail: Through Capitol Reef National Park Distance: One-way Average Time 67 miles (108km) Half day to all day

About the Road: Easy to Difficult

- Paved and dirt roads impassable when wet.
- Four-wheel drive sometimes required. No RVs.
- From the Bullfrog Visitor Center, drive north on Hwy 276 to the junction and turn left onto the Burr Trail. Continue to Boulder, UT.
- Call 435-826-5499 for road conditions.
- Visit the website for detailed information: www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-theburr-trail.htm

Hole-in-the-Rock: From Escalante Distance: One-way Average Time 62 miles (100km) All day About the Road: Easy to Difficult

- High-clearance 2-wheel drive when dry.
- Last five miles require 4-wheel drive.
- The junction of the Hole-in-the Rock Road and Highway 12 is just a few miles east of the town of Escalante.
- Call 435-826-5499 for road conditions.
- Visit the website for detailed information: www.nps.gov/glca/planyourvisit/driving-thehole-in-the-rock-road.htm

Orange Cliffs

Distance Average Time

Half day to multiple

days depending

experience, and

on conditions,

distance.

- UT 95 to Waterhole Flat 32 miles (51.5km)
- Waterhole Flat to Flint
 Trail 11 miles (17 7km)
- Trail 11 miles (17.7km)
 Flint Trail to Hans Flat
- Flint Trail to Hans Flat 14 miles (22.5km)
- Hite to SR24 via Flint Trail 100 miles (160.9km)

About the Road: Moderate to Extremely Difficult

- Permit and a camping reservations required for overnight backcountry use. Apply through the Canyonlands National Park website: www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/ backcountrypermits.htm
- Four-wheel drive required on moderate to extreme sections of slick rock and dirt roads.
- Check road conditions locally before beginning your trip. Call (435) 259-4351
- More information on the website: www.nps. gov/glca/planyourvisit/orange-cliffs.htm
- ATVs prohibited







Hiking NOTE: Trails are not maintained.

Hike	Distance (round trip)	Average Time	Terrain	About the trail
Easy				
Bullfrog Campground Trail	1.5 miles (2km)	1 hour	Sandy hike, some slickrock scrambling, follow rock cairns	Take a stroll down this easy trail, which starts from Bullfrog Campground Loop B, or park at the ferry lot and walk up to the trailhead.
Moderate				
Pedestal Alley	3 miles (4.8km)	3-4 hours	Sandy and rocky, must cross some washes. No shade.	From the Bullfrog Visitor Center drive 4.4 miles (7km) north on Hwy 276 to the marked junction with the Burr Trail. Turn left and drive 4.8 miles (7.7km) down the Burr Trail. The trailhead is across the road from the parking area. Follow the cairn-marked trail to curious pedestal rock formations. Spring and fall are the best times for this shadeless hike. Must cross a few washes along the way.
Bullfrog Slot Canyon Trail	1 mile (1.6km)	1 hour	Sandy wash, must climb in and out of wash	Take this short slot canyon hike from the Bullfrog Visitor Center as far as conditions permit. Be prepared to climb in and out of this sandy wash, and even get muddy and wet. Do not hike when there is a potential for flash flooding. Conditions may vary.

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A Rainbow Turned to Stone

The soaring red rock cliffs and canyons that form the Glen Canyon region give evidence of the vast and varied geologic history of the area – a story millions of years in the making. In few places is this story as visible as it is at Rainbow Bridge National Monument where a massive natural bridge has been carved right into the Navajo Sandstone.

Standing approximately 290 feet tall and with a span of 275 feet wide, Rainbow Bridge is one of the largest and most scenic natural bridges in the world. It can be hard to imagine that such an immense feature was carved almost entirely by the power of water. However, the picture comes into focus when Rainbow Bridge is viewed as a single feature in a much larger system of water flowing as runoff from the slopes of Navajo

Mountain on its journey towards the newly forming Colorado River.

Given its large size and whimsical appearance, it is no surprise that Rainbow Bridge has stood prominently in the stories of those who have come in contact with the natural feature. For thousands of years, native people have found power in the site and surrounding seeps and springs which offer cool clean water, a gift in the dry desert environment of the region. Modern Native American tribes, including the Navajo, Hopi, Ute, and Paiute groups continue to view Rainbow Bridge as a religious and sacred place. Please visit Rainbow Bridge in a manner that is respectful of these long-standing beliefs.

Designated as a National Monument in 1910, after its location was publicized by scientific explorers taken to the site by local Paiute guides, Rainbow Bridge is protected from everything except the natural elements of wind, rain, and temperature as the same processes that worked to create and shape Rainbow Bridge continue to act on it still. A reminder that geology is still at work all around us.

Today, close to 100,000 people make the trip by boat or multi-day hike to Rainbow Bridge each year to marvel at the curious geologic feature – this rainbow turned to stone. Although it does require effort due to the monument's remote location, those who have experienced Rainbow Bridge National Monument would likely say it is well worth the trip.



Services at Rainbow Bridge: Primitive restrooms available on the dock. Ranger programs at the bridge, summer months only.



Services at Dangling Rope Marina (in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area): Restrooms, convenience store, snack bar, fuel, pumpout. Closed mid-November to March 1.

How do I get to Rainbow Bridge?

Rainbow Bridge boat tour from Wahweap:

Take a $6\frac{1}{2}$ hour boat ride up to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. Tours begin in the lobby of the Lake Powell Resort at Wahweap. For reservations call 928-645-2433.

Boat tour from Antelope Point:

Boat tour to Rainbow Bridge by charter only. Call 928-608-4477.

Boat tour from Bullfrog:

Boat tour to Rainbow Bridge by charter only. Call 1-800-528-6154 to charter a group of six or more.

Boat yourself to Rainbow Bridge:

Approximately 7 miles north of Dangling Rope Marina, turn east at buoy 49 into Forbidding Canyon, marked with a Rainbow Bridge National Monument sign. After traveling several miles through Forbidding Canyon, turn left and proceed with caution through the narrow mouth of Bridge Canyon, also marked with a sign. Leave your boat at the courtesy dock. Pets must remain in your boat.

From the boat dock, the hike to Rainbow Bridge is approximately 1 mile each direction on a dirt trail. There is little shade along the trail or at the bridge itself. Wear protective clothing including a hat, shoes, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Carry drinking water with you.

Hike around Navajo Mountain:

If you have 2-3 days, you can hike around Navajo Mountain to Rainbow Bridge. The 14-18 mile hike (depending on route) is through rugged terrain with no services provided. A permit from the Navajo Nation is required. Go to www.navajonationparks.org for more information about the hike and permit.